

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action of April 18, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the claimed printhead assembly is for removable mounting within a printer unit. Support for this amendment can be found at page 1, lines 4-6 and page 5, line 37-page 6, line 6 of the present specification; and dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

In item 11 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that the Applicant's request for reconsideration filed in Reply to the final Office Action is not persuasive and maintains the rejections of claims 1-4 as being taught or suggested by Silverbrook in view of Olson.

Independent claim 1 has been further amended to clarify that the claimed print media guide is part of the printhead assembly, being mounted to the casing in which the printhead module is removably mounted.

On the other hand, the print media handling system 26 disclosed by Olson consisting of the feed tray 28 and output tray 32, is part of the inkjet printer 20 itself, to which the carriage 40 and pens 50 and 52 having the printheads 54,56 are separately mounted. For this reason, as can be clearly seen from Fig. 1 of Olson, the print media contact surface of the feed tray is opposed to the print surface of the printheads.

Thus, there is no motivation from the disclosure of Olson for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the arrangement of Silverbrook to incorporate the print media guide of the claimed invention onto the printhead assembly itself, because Olson merely discloses a guide, as purported by the Examiner, incorporated in the printer unit.

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook and Olson either taken alone or in combination with one another.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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